

severally read, and received by the house as sufficient apologies for the non-attendance of said witnesses.

Mr. Harding presented a petition of Thomas C. Nicholls, of Montgomery county, praying that a law may pass, authorising the levy court of said county, to levy and appropriate to his use such further sum of money for building and keeping in repair a certain bridge over Seneca Creek, where the public road from Georgetown to the mouth of Monocacy crosses it, as they, in their discretion, may deem reasonable; which petition, with the accompanying document, was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Harding, Wilson and Gittings.

Mr. Teackle presented a petition of John W. B. Parsons, of Somerset county, one of the securities of George Parsons, former sheriff of Worcester county, praying to be authorised to complete the collections of the said sheriff; which petition was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Teackle, Hitch and Irving.

Mr. Nicholas presented a memorial of Andrew Muncks, and others of the city of Baltimore, praying that a bill originated in the Senate, entitled, an act to incorporate the "Baltimore Sugar Refining Company," may not pass; which memorial was referred to the same committee, to which the said bill has been referred; and the committee was enlarged by the appointment of Messrs. Thomas, of Saint Mary's, and Grason, as additional members thereof.

Mr. Irving presented a petition of sundry citizens of Somerset county, praying the passage of a law to protect oysters which have been planted; which was, on motion of Mr. Teackle, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Irving also presented a petition of sundry citizens of Somerset county, voting in the Dames' Quarter Election District, praying the passage of a law to change the place of holding the Elections in said District; which was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Irving, Jones and Teackle.

Mr. Burchenal presented a petition of Thomas Clendenning and others, citizens of Caroline and Queen Anne's counties, praying the passage of an act to authorise and provide for, the locating and opening of a public road, from the state line of Delaware, near Thomas's Chapel, intersecting the road leading from the river—bridges in Caroline county, to Bullock-town, through the lands of William Willson and Darius Piper; which petition was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Burchenal, Wright and Orrell.